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Due to Christmas falling on our usual publication day, the next issue of the Elk Point Review will be published Friday, Dec. 21. Deadline for news and advertising is Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. Deadline for the Jan. 1, 2013 issue is Thursday, Dec. 27 at 4 p.m.



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Vicki Brooker photos



Choirs and angels

It's been a weekend of choirs and concerts in Elk Point. Above, Elk Point Community Choir's original director, Don Buryn, salutes the combined talent of the Community Choir and St. Paul's Les Musicos. At left, angels hear the glad tidings of great joy at Elk Point Christian Community Church concert. Below, Jim Votour and Father Andrew Schoenberger add their guitars to Sunday's Interfaith Cantata music.



Garbage bylaw deferred to January

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The first reading of Elk Point's new garbage bylaw was deferred to the first meeting of 2013, following a thorough run-through of the changes made from the current bylaw. With the proposed change to mechanical pickup, size and weight of garbage bags and containers is now redundant. Waste receptacles must now be the wheel-out type that is lifted and dumped by the garbage truck and are of the style approved by the town.

Storage of waste will also be a non-issue, because the wheeled bins must be taken to the curb, driveway approach or sidewalk, as collection under the new bylaw will be all street-front pickup.

The draft also includes a new schedule of fines and penalties.

Council debated whether to set new fees as soon as the bylaw is passed, or to wait until the new water fees go into effect, after the completion of the 24/7 water line.

Deputy Mayor Eugene Buck, who chaired the meeting, felt it was time to take action after the town has "spent a year and a half dithering" about changes in garbage collection, with the change to wheeled carts and front pickup put on hold due to concerns that seniors might have difficulty with the carts in the winter.

"We meant well, but it backfired," Buck said, suggesting that the town sell the truck and go back to contracting the collection.

"I don't think it was a mistake," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said. "There was a huge difference in cost (between the town-operated collection and contracted collection). We didn't even take into account front or back col-

lection; we were just going to improve the service. Now we're going a step further."

Coun. Ron Fraess agreed that the proposed "major increase" in contract fees was more of a factor than the contractor's insistence on front pickup.

Front pickup is essential for mechanized collection, council agreed, but they also agreed with town manager Myron Goyan's comment "There's still a lot of planning to do."

Coun. Fraess suggested the town should ask other communities with front garbage collection how it is affected by snow windows, and also should check into the current cost of contracted pickup. Goyan said he could have that information for the first meeting in January.

"We should be conscious of the cost," the deputy mayor agreed.

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Elvis Sibal's bright and beautiful display, above, topped the list of winners in the residential contest, while David Buksa and Jeannette Bouchard were second with the star-topped display below.

Vicki Brooker photos



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Kbana Travel is a first time business category winner.

Shining bright!

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point residents are once again lighting the way for Santa's visit with a number of brilliant residential lighting displays. The judges toured every corner of the community last Wednesday, and were once again impressed by the colourful array.

Elvis Sibal's breathtakingly beautiful array of lights and décor, located across 51 Ave from the Seniors' Recreation Centre, earned top honours from the judges. Sibal placed second in the contest last year.

Second place went to David Buksa and Jeannette Bouchard's extensive and very attractive Ravine Drive display, while third went to the winter wonderland created by Myma Fox, continuing the longstanding tradition of decorating established by her late mother, Violet McFadyen.

The judges were disappointed that some residents with excellent displays did not have their lights on at the time of judging, and would like to congratulate Jack and Leona Bretzer, Nemesio Tuliao and all the others who have brightened the longest nights of the year for their outstanding efforts to celebrate the season with lights.

Centennial Drive could become Elk Point's answer to Candy Cane Lane, if this year's displays are any indication, judges agreed.

The Best Dressed Business plaque, awarded on the basis of exterior decoration and judged during Christmas Extravaganza, goes to Kbana Travel, along with one year free membership in the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, Elk Point Motel and RV Park is an honourable mention in the business category, with their impressive rooftop outline.

Town council highlights

(Continued from Front Page)

Sergeant visits

Elk Point RCMP's new detachment commander, Sgt. Dave Casey, introduced himself to council, noting that he has spent 12 years in the force and before that was in the military with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He comes to Elk Point from Westlock, and has previously served in Ottawa, Fort Vermilion and Wainwright.

Prior to his arrival in Elk Point, "the detachment was without a commander for a while," he said. "Roy (Cpl. Auger) had his hands full."

Two brand new members, just out of Depot, are also now on staff.

Sgt. Casey invited council to contact him whenever they have concerns. "My door is always open."

Water line

The 24/7 water line came back for discussion later in the meeting, when Coun. Fraess reported on that morning's tech meeting for the Regional Water Board. The long awaited building has arrived but the crew has not started to assemble it yet. "The crew is supposed to stay until the building is done," he reported. The pipeline is being static tested, and two line failures were discovered at a pressure of 305 PSI, with a coupler letting go in the first incident. Crews are working on

the trail and "clearing up as best they can" now that all the valves and pressure releases are buried. Vent pipes along the trail will be marked with reflective tape as soon as weather permits.

Estimates of when the water will start running vary, but Deputy Mayor Buck is saying, "May - just because I'm an optimist."

Motions to approve the Regional Administrative Agreement, the Regional Water Supply Agreement and Regional Water Membership Agreement were passed.

Alberta Municipal Affairs has advised that a \$10,000 startup grant has been approved for the regional water system's administration.

Healthcare Centre

Council expressed the concern over the lack of active treatment beds at Elk Point Healthcare Centre, due to a shortage of nurses. Coun. Bernice Capjack has contacted MLA Shane Saskiw, who said staffing issues should be resolved by January 1.



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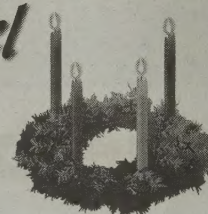
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Future of Armistice Hall looking grim

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The future of Armistice Community Hall is looking grim, as current board members have decided they can no longer operate the hall. Current members of the hall are aging and the facility requires a number of renovations to keep it operational, heard council.

County of St. Paul council received a letter regarding the hall, which was included in the December agenda package and presented at the Dec. 11 regular council meeting.

"It is with deep regret that we wish to inform the council members that we feel we can no longer continue the operations of our community hall," reads the letter from the president of the community hall, Terry Wozniak.

Increased insurance rates, liability issues and "several senseless acts of thefts and vandalism over the last few years have made it difficult for the society to continue its ongoing operations." Also, an aging membership and a lack of young people willing to join have contributed to the decision to discontinue running the hall.

"For several years, the Armistice Community Hall has stood as a pillar in our neighbourhood," said the letter. The hall has served as a meeting place for neighbours and friends for many years, along with hosting events such as dances.

"It will be sadly missed by all, but fondly remembered," said Wozniak.

Council agreed to notify area residents of the situation to see if there is any interest in someone else taking over

operations of the hall. Coun. Dwight Dach agreed that it would be very costly to fix up the hall, but residents should be given the option and notice.

Interim budget

Council has approved the 2013 interim budget.

The estimated operating revenue for 2013 is pegged at \$33.7 million, while the operating expenditures are set at \$19.2 million. Capital expenditures are set at \$14.5 million.

The numbers are based on last year's numbers, minus some major projects that took place in 2012. The operating budget was left the same, said CAO Sheila Kitz.

Gravel rates/levy

Bylaw 1619, Community Aggregate Payment Levy was brought before council, but was tabled for further clarification and information.

According to the December agenda, at a recent policy meeting, the committee discussed a Community Aggregate Payment Levy bylaw to impose a levy on all sand and gravel businesses operating in the municipality "to raise revenue to be used towards the payment of infrastructure and other costs."

Coun. Frank Sloan was the first to voice concern over the proposed bylaw, saying he didn't feel that the bylaw would save gravel for the County of St. Paul, as intended. Sloan is concerned that much of the gravel from the area is being used for projects outside of the county.

"This is not going to save our gravel the way we want to."

Coun. Glen Ockerman voiced concern over the fact

that landowners, not pit operators, would be at risk of losing their property if the levy wasn't collected properly.

A motion to table the proposed bylaw was carried.

Councillors then discussed the county's gravel rates and a proposed increase to \$15/cubic yard for the product and \$5/cubic yard for delivery.

Sloan again voiced his opposition to the proposal, saying he believes the county is selling too much gravel and shouldn't use an increase in price as a way of solving the problem or "balancing our budget." Sloan said he was against the increase and against private sales of gravel by the county.

He said he would rather see the price stay the same but the county cut back on the amount of gravel it sells.

Ockerman added that the county is trying to secure a non-renewable resource, along with freeing up staff and equipment that could be working on county roads, rather than delivering gravel.

Upham said he believes the county balances its budget by running the book efficiently, not by a \$5 increase in gravel. Only Upham and Fodness voted in favour of the increase, all other councillors voted against the

increase, defeating the motion.

Water agreements

Agreements detailing the responsibilities of the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point regarding the newly constructed water-line are moving forward.

A motion to approve an agreement regarding the operations and maintenance of the transmission line was carried, along with a motion to approve an agreement regarding operations and maintenance of the meter vaults. The county has about

20 connections along the line.

Water should be moving through the St. Paul/Elk Point line by the end of February.

Tax penalty changes

A new tax penalty schedule was presented to council, and all three readings of a new bylaw were carried. A three per cent penalty will be enforced on July 1 on current taxes, and a 10 per cent penalty will be enforced on Dec. 1, on current taxes. Another 10 per cent penalty will be enforced on Feb. 1 on

all outstanding balances.

Waste bin rentals

Waste bin rental fees will be increasing by eight per cent for residential users as of Feb. 1, 2013 and the surcharge for non-residential users will increase from \$20 to \$25.

Councillors asked county staff member Dennis Berghem if he felt the prices were near those being offered by waste management businesses in the area.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyeboade



- Testing new drugs requires seeing how they might affect body organs like the liver, kidney and heart. They use live subjects in this testing. The National Institute of Health in the U.S. is funding research into 3-D tissue chips using living cells that model the structure and function of the real organs. Once developed, these chips will be used to test new drugs and result in bringing them to market faster.
- The words "cold chain" refer to the need to keeping vaccines and certain antibiotics cold (2-8) from manufacturing to administration. This is important when shipping products overseas because half of the vaccines are lost due to exposure to heat. A new idea using silk as a stabilizer in the product will allow a greater range of temperature variations. Should be in use in about five years.
- We get kind of smug in Canada thinking that being overweight is more an American problem. But today, 59% of Canadians are either overweight or obese. By 2026 this is expected to reach 70%. Now is the time to do something about it.
- Music can have a powerful effect on people with dementia. A program called Music and Memory uses music selections that the patient listened to in past years. Using an MP3 player and earphones, the music brings back memories to these patients and helps them become more connected with the real world.
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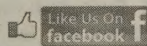
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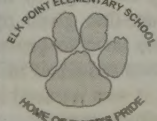
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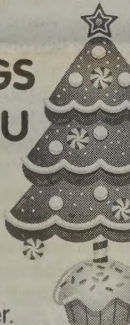
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EDITORIAL

Gift of music is priceless

Residents of Elk Point and surrounding areas were treated to priceless gifts of music this weekend, at the Community Choir concert, church concerts and the seven-church Interfaith Cantata.

The hectic pace that surrounds the Christmas season, the horrors of happenings across the continent and across the world and even the cares and concerns in our own lives faded away as we were wrapped up in the beautiful music of the season. For just a while, we could revel in the soaring notes, the gentle melodies, the wonderful traditional carols and the stories as old as time.

These events do not come together without an immense amount of work on behalf of the organizers, any number of practices by the participants, and in the case of church concerts, considerable patience by the parents and other volunteers who led the children through their paces. Applause seems so little to reward all these efforts, and it is hoped that all the performers and organizers know deep in their hearts how gratefully their gift of seasonal joy was received.

Way Back When...

Accreditation, production and celebration

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 18 IN...

1987

The board and administration of Elk Point Hospital was proud to announce the facility had achieved a three-year accreditation. Bylaw, building and development officer Ralph Riemer, who would retire from the town on Dec. 31, was in for a good-humoured roasting at the town's Christmas party.

1992

Pan Canadian Petroleum announced plans to expand their operations by nearly doubling production in 1993, when they held a pair of open houses in Heinsburg and King George. Charlene Baker brought home six Heritage Blanket awards, her daughter Shanna three awards, Tanya Kenyon four awards and Josie Veer one award from the Heritage Bluesky Circuit Provincial Equestrian Awards in Red Deer.

1997

With snow a scarce commodity at the time, crowds at the Elk Point Community Choir's Christmas concerts were delighted to have a visit from a roly-poly dancing snowman. Baseball rarely makes the sports news at this time of year, but the very excited Elk Point Minor Ball Association couldn't wait to break the news that they would host the 1998 Midget 'A' Baseball Provincials.

2002

A music-filled weekend saw a performance by the Elk Point Community Choir, a concert at the Baptist Church and the interfaith Cantata entertaining excellent crowds. Town council approved a wage hike from \$15 to \$20 per hour for local firefighters.

2007

Elk Point Community Choir delivered a gift of music to the community at their Christmas Concert, while the multi-church Cantata also took place during the weekend. Town council was reinventing the economic development advisory board as the previous bylaw did not make powers, duties and responsibilities clear.



GUEST COLUMN

The red-nosed reindeer

Have you ever wondered how the famous Christmas Song: "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written?

Robert May tells how that happened. "An icy January blast tore at my coat as I hurried on my way to work. I noticed that the Christmas street decorations had been taken down, and in a way I was relieved. My wife was suffering from a long illness and I didn't feel very festive. I was glad to get inside the foyer of the Montgomery Ward building. In the elevator I leaned back and listened to the younger men eagerly discuss their work.

"And how are you starting the new year?" I glumly asked myself. Here I was, heavily in debt at age 35, still grinding out catalogue copy. Instead of writing the great American novel, as I'd once hoped, I was describing men's white shirt. It seemed I'd always been a loser. In the copy department a secretary called, "Bob, the boss wants to see you." What now? I wondered. Our department head stood at the window in his office, "Bob," he barked, "I've got an idea. For years our stores have been buying those little Christmas giveaway coloring books from local peddlers. I think we can save a lot of money if we create one ourselves. Could you come up with a better booklet we could use? I started to answer but he kept right on talking. "I think it should be an animal story, with a main character like Ferdinand the Bull." Finally I said I'd try.

"That night, I wondered about what kind of animal it should be. Christmas. Santa. Reindeer? Of course; it must be a reindeer - Barbara, my four-year-old daughter, loved the deer down at the zoo. But what could a little reindeer teach children? Suppose he were an underdog - a loser, yet triumphant in the end. But what kind of underdog? Certainly a reindeer's dream would be to pull Santa's sleigh.

"Outside, the fog swirled in from Lake Michigan, dimming the street lights. Light. Something to help Santa find his way on a night like this. Suddenly I had it! A nose! A bright red nose that would shine through fog like a floodlight.

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from the FCSS desk

"The next morning I enthusiastically presented my idea to the boss. "For gosh sakes, Bob, can't you do better than that?" I retreated to my desk and sat staring at the wall. I had faith in the reindeer I had by now named Rudolph. But how could I convince the boss? I prayed for inspiration. An idea struck me - a bold, audacious idea. I walked over to the art department, where my friend Denver Gillen worked. "Denver, could you draw a deer with a big red nose and make him look appealing?" He looked at me quizzically and I explained my idea. The following Saturday morning, Barbara, Denver and I met at the deer corral at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. As he sketched, I held Barbara up so she could better see those gentle crea-

tures. By afternoon we felt we had something.

"On Monday morning we brought the sketches into the boss's office. He studied them for a long time. "Bob," he said softly, "forget what I said and put the story into finished form." I started writing.

Bob's story continues. His wife is very sick with cancer and she dies in July. So it was hard for Bob to finish the story. But, finally in late August it was done.

"Today children all over the world read and hear about the little deer who started out in life as a loser, just as I did," Bob states. But they learn that when he gave himself for others, his handicap became the very means through which he received happiness.

Bob May told the story of Rudolph, a young reindeer who was teased by the other deer because of his large, glowing, red nose. But, when Christmas Eve turned foggy and Santa worried that he wouldn't be able to deliver gifts that night, the former outcast saved Christmas by leading the sleigh by the light of his red nose. Rudolph's message - that given the opportunity, a liability can be turned into an asset - proved popular. Montgomery Ward sold almost two and a half million copies of the story in 1939. When it was reissued in 1946, the book sold over three and half million copies.

Several years later, one of May's friends, Johnny Marks, wrote a short song based on Rudolph's story (1949). It was recorded by Gene Autry and sold over two million copies.

Since then, the story has been translated into twenty-five languages and been made into a television movie, narrated by Burl Ives, which has charmed audiences every year since 1964.

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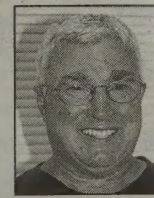
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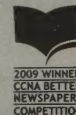
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Les Musicos featured at Community Choir concert

By VICKI BROOKER
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Elk Point Community Choir welcomed some very special guests to their 2012 Christmas Concert on Friday, sharing the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre spotlight with St. Paul's Les Musicos.

The choir's new president, Barb Buryn, said her predecessor, Don Conrad "left big shoes to fill" when

he retired after more than 20 years. She noted that Conrad has just completed "a very successful run" of pre-Christmas dinner theatres as a fundraiser for the Elk Point facility.

Buryn thanked pianist Deanna Easthope, page-turner Elizabeth Orr and conductor Udo Mueller and all the choir members for their ongoing contribution toward the group's success.

"Let the music envelop you and fill you with Christmas spirit," she invited, as the concert began.

The Community Choir started off the program with three numbers, an a cappella version of 'Let Us Sing,' an updated arrangement of the traditional carol, 'We Three Kings,' a "Festive Madrigal" and the gentle rhythm of 'Light a Candle.' The ladies of the choir completed the set with a whole lot of promises in their song to 'Mr. Santa.'

Cellist Erica Spoeth and pianist Linda Peters perfectly complemented each other in the beautiful 'Pachelbel Canon in D.'

Les Musicos, directed alternately by Laurier Levasseur and original Community Choir director Don Conrad, started off with a perky ragtime number declaring the festive season

'No Time to Diet.' Two traditional carols, 'Away in a Manger' and 'Nativity Carol,' followed by 'Believe.' Their final number, in both French and English, was the lovely 'O Holy Night.'

Sheila Hatch and Dixie Coleman were accompanied by Les Musicos pianist Lorraine Cabaj in their duet, 'My Gift, My Offering.'

The men of the Community Choir returned to the stage with a Czech folk song, 'Stradola Pompah,' with Randall Kryz adding an accordion accompaniment.

The ladies joined the men for 'See the Newborn Baby,' 'Bethlehem Joy,' 'Come On, It's Christmas,' 'Angels are Making Their Rounds' and the up-tempo traditional spiritual, 'Child of God.'

"Now you're in for a

treat," said choir director Udo Mueller, as he invited Les Musicos to join the Community Choir on stage. He spoke briefly of the choir's "time of transition," which has so far included getting a Facebook page and a dedicated telephone number of ticket sales, before expressing a hope that "you leave here humming a tune through smiling lips."

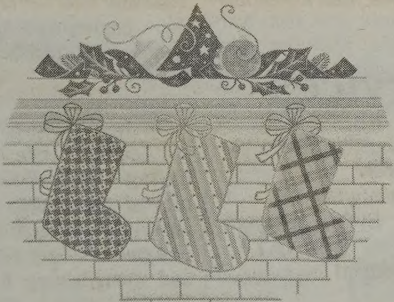
The combined choirs filled the huge stage to capacity, and the building with beautiful music as their voices blended in three final numbers. Don Conrad took his place at the podium for the first time in a dozen years to lead "Through Nature's Window," Mueller led the choirs in "Whisper, Whisper" and Levasseur led the singers in a powerful rendition of 'A Classic Christmas' that earned both choirs a standing ovation

from the delighted audience.



Dixie Coleman and Kelsey Taylor add percussion highlights to a number at the Elk Point Community Choir's Christmas concert on Friday evening.

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County of St. Paul

No. 19

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Wise men, shepherds and a lone angel gathered at the manger Sunday night to surround Mary, Joseph and the newborn Jesus with love at the Interdenominational Christmas Cantata, this year hosted by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Singers and performers from Elk Point's Christian Community and United Churches, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Paul Roman Catholic Church, Good Tidings Pentecostal Church in Vermilion and St. Columba Roman Catholic in Clondonald joined St. Michael's Roman Catholic congregation for the annual Interdenominational Christmas Cantata on Sunday.

Following a Nativity play by the youngest churchgoers, Mary Bezpalko sang two traditional Ukrainian numbers, 'God Eternal' and 'In Bethlehem'.

Scripture readings presented by Donna Chamberland, Daniel Cardinal, Hank Rogal, Sam and Paige Henderson, Sandi Kummert and Father Mark Sych told the story of the First Christmas, each reading followed by a song from the combined choir and a number by the choir and congregation that followed the developing story.

A piano solo by Irwin Panganiban and a vocal solo, 'Ave Maria' by Maigahread Axe were also part of the program.

New St. Paul Catholic Diocese Bishop Paul Theriault was welcomed at the beginning of the Cantata by parish priest, Father Andrew Schoenberger.

Bishop Theriault gave the closing benediction, calling Elk Point "A blessed community. There are seven congregations here tonight. It's very beautiful, and strengthening for your children."

Cantata director Holly Myshaniuk thanked all the participants before the choirs wound up with 'Silent Night' in a variety of languages, from French and Ukrainian to English.

Christmas services

Special services are planned at local churches this week:

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The Alberta Gazette, Part I, November 15, 2012

TOWN OF ELK POINT

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Elk Point will offer for sale, by public auction, in the Town Office, 4914-50 Avenue, Elk Point, Alberta, on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., the following land:

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Dated at Elk Point, Alberta, October 10, 2012.

Myron J. Goyan, Town Manager

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No truth to closure rumors

By REVIEW STAFF

A spokesman from the office of MLA, Shane Saskiw advised the Review last Friday that according to the Alberta Ministry of Health, Elk Point Health care Centre is not in danger of closure. However, there is a shortage of nursing staff at the present time, which resulted in the temporary closure of active care beds in recent weeks. This situation should be resolved by the beginning of January, as nurses who have been on sick leave return to work.

For more information, constituents are welcome to call Saskiw's office at (780) 645-6999.



Three majestic kings from faraway lands followed the star to the humble stable in Bethlehem to bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Baby Jesus, as Elk Point Christmas Community Church's King's Kids portrayed the true message of Christmas with their Nativity Play on Sunday.

King's Kids spread the joy

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Christian Community Church Pastor Don Ford lit the shepherds' candle on the Advent wreath and welcomed a capacity congregation to what he described as, "the Sunday of joy", adding a special welcome to his predecessor, Pastor Bill Kryzanowski and Mrs. Kryzanowski.

The church's music team led the singing of "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night" and "Ring Those Bells," that third song accompanying a procession of angels, shepherds, lambs, wise men and the Holy family, all members of the King's Kids.

Narrator Ashley Hunter told the old, old story, with the help of the angel who visited Mary, Joseph who voiced his concerns about the impending birth, but dutifully traveled with his wife to Bethlehem. Three tiny sheep watched as an overworked innkeeper reluctantly agreed they could stay in his stable, as he had no other vacancies available. The shelter was welcomed by Mary, as she brought forth her treasured Baby Jesus and laid him in a manger.

Angels spread the news

to the shepherds as a bright star appeared in the sky, and the shepherds hastened to see the new arrival. Kings of far off countries saw the star and realized it was a sign long foretold of the coming of a Saviour. They listened politely to the demands of King Herod to let him know where the baby was to be found, but when their long journey had ended and their gifts were delivered, they showed that

they were truly wise, and went home another way.

Ruth Vogel, Jodi Verenka and Crystal McPherson, who work with the King's Kids, were called forward to accept floral tributes at the conclusion of the play.

"Everyone one of these kids made it very special for

me," Vogel said, noting she had agreed to run the program if 10 children attended. "Last week, we had 30. and there's something special about each one."

A festive meal and wagon rides completed the day of celebration.

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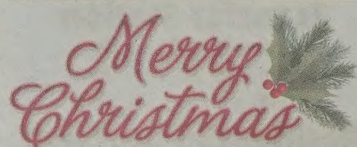
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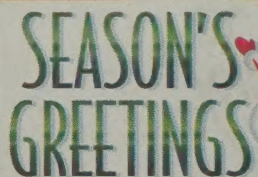
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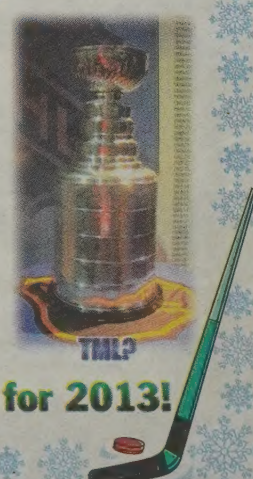
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All the Best for 2013!



Thursday, Dec. 13 was a busy day at Heritage Lodge, with two groups of Playschool students and a wagon-load of Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members dropping by to spread holiday cheer to the seniors. Above and right, the 4-H members and leaders joined in to sing a number of carols, and then stopped to chat with the residents before climbing back on the tractor-drawn wagon to continue caroling. The group also visited Parkview Extended Care earlier in the afternoon.

Vicki Brooker photos



Nail Down A Great Season!

While the holiday spirit is building, we'd like to jump in with our best wishes and gratitude. We truly appreciate your helping to make this year a merry one for us.

Best Wishes for 2013!

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Lisa Warawa photo

Playschool visits Heritage Lodge seniors

Heritage Lodge residents enjoyed chatting with the Jack and Jill Playschool children, who sang a few Christmas songs and enjoyed had cookies with the residents. The seniors were very impressed with the children's counting abilities and their enthusiasm.

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Novice Avs host season's first tournament

Atom As sweep Marwayne tourney

By DOUG BASSETT

Review Sports

This past weekend our Avalanche Novice team held the first tournament of the year and it was a Jim Dandy! Hats off to all the parents and the coaching staff of the novice team who worked so very hard to make this tournament a screaming success, the parking lot was full all weekend, along with the garbage bin and the cash register! Although they only won one game out of four that they played, they stilled played extremely well as anyone who was there will tell you, especially considering that they faced the top talented teams in this tournament. Honestly, they played the teams from Ft. Saskatchewan, St. Albert, the top team out of Cold Lake and Bonnyville.

In the first game against Cold Lake, Luke "Sky Walker" Poulin with a hat trick, "Mic Jager" Fontaine adding one, Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk with an assist. Somehow in all my notes last week I missed a goal and an assist by the big smooth skating center man "Mario" so my apologies go out to Vanden.

The second game they played Fort Saskatchewan. Lenae Peebles with a nice one timer, assisted by "Skywalker" who also scored one. "Mic Jager" with one assisted by "Mario". In their third game Sunday morning they faced the top team of the tournament from St. Albert, the only two goals in this one by "Sky Walker" who went end to end all alone to get them.

Saving the most exciting game for last, on Sunday afternoon against Bonnyville the Avalanche winning this one 6 to 5. "Mic Jager" with a hat trick and two assists, the first time player Kobe Warawa, looks like he has a nose for the net, scoring his first ever goal and Brady Hymanyk, who played between the pipes in the first three games, not only scored the tying goal, right after that in less than a minute he scored what would eventually turn into the winning goal. But you really couldn't say enough about the hard fore checking of all the girls this weekend, two assists for "Amazing Grace" Peebles, Jadey "the Special Lady" Carjack was in their face all weekend, she had an assist, same thing for the little squirt Rylee "the Rocket" Warawa who also has an assist, her sister Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa, starting to show her break away speed, she carried the puck end to end a number of times, she also has an assist. Then there's my little buddy Dean "the Machine" Ockerman on the score sheet with an assist and also a trip over to see me in the sin bin. Now about the defense this past weekend; no cracks in this wall, Odin "the Wall" Smith is as solid as they come on the blue line, his big partner "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal doing a fine job of angling them off to the side lines, and another first time player, Josef Therault stayed at home helping out his goal tenders.

Over in St. Paul on Saturday morning our Micro Novice team winning. "King Kong Konner" Poitras with a hat trick, Kade Fontaine with two, Sam "Spiderman" Rogal with one, Cash "CC" Capjack with a goal and an assist, "St. Nick" Penner and

Gavin Kadutski both with a goal each. "Hurricane Kayl" Warawa, Bo Fontaine, Kale Hoeving, Jayci Marcoux and Halle Moroziuk were all contributing, they're on the score sheet with assists.

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Submitted photo

Victory was sweet for the Atom A Avalanche as they won the Marwayne tourney.



Vicki Brooker photo

The host Elk Point Novice Avalanche saved their best for last, winning a very close final game in their seven-team tournament on Sunday.

It was a great weekend!

Greetings!

It's been loads of fun serving you this year - thanks!



Toni & Myra Bochon
Wish Everyone a
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Happy New Year!



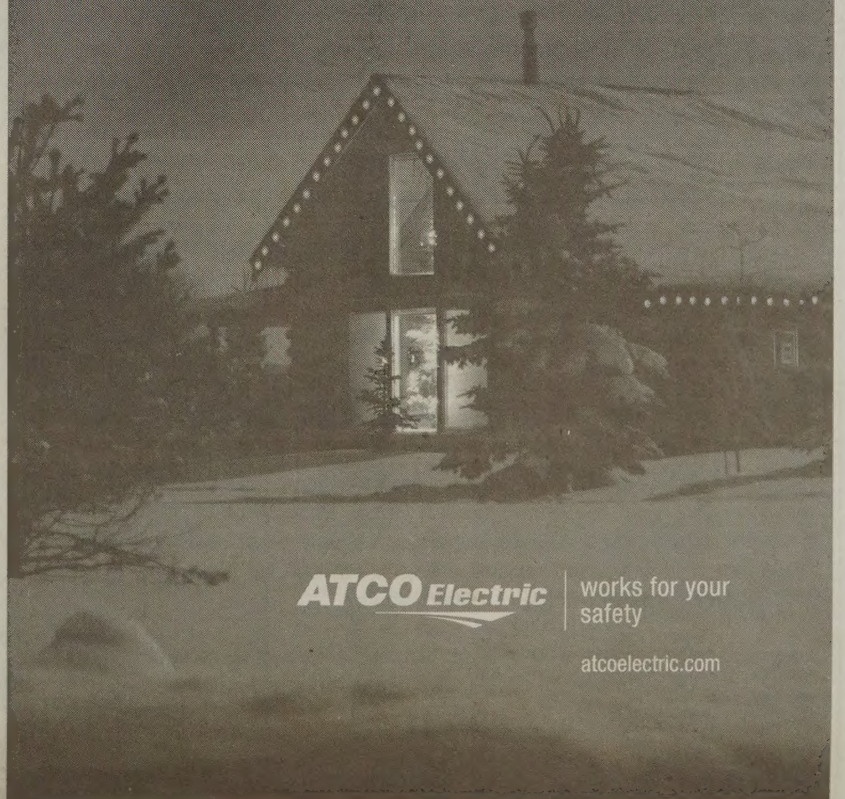
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As we end our 12th year, we wish to express our gratitude to our wonderful volunteers and supporters. You inspire us with your dedication and hard work, and we look forward to a great 2013 with you as an active supporter. From all of us at LICA, Thank You and Merry Christmas!



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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

December 11, 2012 Council Meeting

Regional Coyote Reduction Program - The County will run the Coyote Reduction Program for the 2013 calendar year from January 1 to April 30 or until the budget of \$20,000 is reached. Note: the total budget for the program is \$30,000, with \$10,000 to be allocated to the fall of 2013. The County will pay \$15.00 per coyote/wolf. Each resident/landowner is limited to 20 coyotes/wolves per week to a maximum of 100 for the season and only one member per family is eligible to participate in this program. For further details visit the County website.

Ashmont and Mallaig Fire Halls - Administration will be tendering the construction of the Ashmont and Mallaig Fire Halls. The tender will close on January 24 at which time Council will decide if they will proceed with construction of the buildings, based on the bids received.

Tax Penalty Bylaw - Council approved a new bylaw to set a penalty schedule for unpaid property taxes which will take effect for the 2013 tax year. A 3% penalty will be added to outstanding *current* taxes on July 1st and an additional 10% will be applied to outstanding *current* taxes on December 1st. On February 1st 10% will be applied to *all* outstanding property taxes. Administration initiated the change to the Tax Penalty Bylaw following recommendation by both Municipal Affairs and Synergy Chartered Accountants indicating that the current bylaw unfairly benefited farmland and farm residents. Council tried to keep the same penalty dates that farmland/farm residents had before.

Minimum Tax Levy - There are currently 331 properties within the County that have a property tax levy between \$0.15 to \$24.71. In an effort to at least cover the cost of printing and mailing out the notices, Council made a motion to implement a minimum tax of \$25 for the 2013 taxation year. Therefore any properties that previously had a tax bill of less than \$25 will now pay a minimum of \$25 for each parcel. Administration expects that the increase in revenue due to the implementation of the minimum tax will be approximately \$3,700.

Proceeds from Rodeo Supper - Each year, the County allocates the proceeds from the toonie rodeo supper to a non-profit organization and the group provides volunteers to hand out plates and collect the money. At the request of the Ag Society, whose volunteers are maxed out during rodeo week, Council approved a change to the policy where groups will be required to provide 4 volunteers to help the Ag Society members with the cleanup after the supper. This change will take effect for the 2013 rodeo supper.

Increase in Rates for Rental of Waste Bins - An 8% rate increase was approved effective February 1, 2013 for the rental of all front load and roll off bins. Commercial renters who previously paid a \$20/month premium for these bins will now pay a premium of \$25/month.

January Council and Public Works Meetings - The regular Council Meeting has been rescheduled to January 15th and Public Works Meeting has been rescheduled to January 29th.

Funding

- \$1,000 - Mallaig School for Provincial Championships - Cross Country and Sr. Boys Volleyball
- \$1,000 - Regional High School for Sr. Boys and Sr. Girls Provincial Volleyball Championships
- \$6,000 - A.G. Ross Arena
- \$9,000 - Elk Point Curling Club

We are requesting that when residents are clearing their driveway and push the snow across the road, that they do not leave ridges on the road as this is a safety issue.

Residents who require snow removal on their driveways can purchase flags from the County at the Administration Office, Public Works, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office. Seniors can have their driveways plowed free of charge, however, they require a flag which can be picked up from the County Administration Office or Public Works.

Christmas Hours - The County Office will be closed December 25 to 28, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

Minor hockey highlights

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Also in St. Paul was our Atom B team; they played super even if they did come up a little short, and not only on the scoreboard but on the bench too, but played one heck of a game, with only six players to start the game after coach Jay Duffee had car trouble and not only was he transporting his own two children but some others from the team. Two goals for the big power forward "Danny Boy" Cardinal, Jace "Stafford Streak" cruising coast to coast for one, and after he made it and got dressed, the coach's son Alex Duffee scoring one as well. "Danny Boy" and "Sexy Slader" Hardcastle also racked up assists in this one.

It was almost a one man show on Sunday in St. Paul when the Peewees played there, winning 12 to 3. Team captain the talented "Awesome Alex" Hunter with eight goals. Take away all his goals and the game was almost tied, but we all know what an unselfish team player Alex really is and more often than not he will pass the puck to a teammate when it's obvious he should shoot it himself; he also has two assists in this one. A hat trick for the hard nosed assistant captain, the "Dust Pan" Dustyn Pankiw, Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage adding a goal and an assist and the scrappy Angus

McFarlane with a goal as well. Brody "the Big O" Odgaard with three assists, Chase Dorey, Kaiden "K Rock" Evans -Anderson and Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras with helpers too.

While we were busy here at home hosting our novice tournament, over in Marwayne our Atom 'A' team had a terrific weekend, winning all the marbles in a tier one tournament held there. What makes this even more significant is the fact that the Atom As haven't won a game all year, these were teams from their league and they went there with only nine skaters on Saturday and then were down to only eight skaters on Sunday.

Winning the first game over Bonnyville 7 to 2, a hat trick for Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion, "Sam I Am" Henderson with a goal and an assist, Devon "Naz" Nazarchuk with a goal and an assist, and Conner "Coast to Coast" Lychak with a goal and an assist, Dylan "the Destroyer" Ference with a goal. Additional assists also coming from "Lightning Liam" Ludlage and "Hammering Hank" Rogal.

In the second game against St. Paul the boys would lose a close nail biter 6 to 5. "Lightning Liam" lighting the lamp with three, "Naz" and "Jet Stream" also finding the twine, "Coast to

Coast" and "Sam I am" assisting.

The third game ended in a five-all tie against the host Marwayne, "Naz" on the roll finding the pocket with two, the "Destroyer", "Sam I Am" and "Coast to Coast" also scoring. Smooth skating Charlie "Little Angel" Rogal helping out the cause with an assist.

Game four against Vermilion was a must win for the boys if they wished to continue, the boys responded and came up big in this one with a 6 to 1 victory. The sniper "Naz" with two more, "Coast to Coast" with two, "Lightning Liam" and "Jet Stream" with one each.

On to the A final against the very same team that had beat them in the second game the day before, St. Paul, another close battle in this one, but this time the boys refused to lose. Going toe to toe with them, they finally went on to a 5 to 4 victory, bringing home all the hardware, "Coast to Coast" with a hat trick, "Naz" and the "Little Angel" also scoring. A great weekend for "Raging Paige" Henderson on defense and Colton "B Train" Van Maarion who was steadfast in goal all weekend.

As most of you know one of my best buddies, who I coached and traveled the circuit with when our sons played minor hockey and baseball, Marshall Moroziuk had major heart surgery on the weekend. We want to wish him all the best and a speedy recovery so he can get back here and watch his grandkids play.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "One man can be a crucial ingredient to a team, but one man cannot make a team." Last week's answer to: "The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price." - Vince Lombardi. Have a sports scoop? Email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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While shepherds watched...

A trio of shepherds kept watch on their concert script while the innkeeper, far right, kept watch over all as the King's Kids presentation at the Christian Community Church drew to a close on Sunday.

The story that never ends

BY PASTOR JIM MACLELLAN
Elk Point Baptist Church

The chorus of a popular Christian song goes: Tell me the old, old story, tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, of Jesus and His love. Every year at this time people of every age and culture love to hear the story of Jesus, particularly His birth – and what a birth it was! This fantastic story is actually part of a bigger story.

Many years ago before there was land and before there was time, God who never had a beginning made the Universe by the power of His Voice. This Divine Person who is all powerful; who needs nothing, made people – people who were intended to put His greatness on display through their

lives. All these humans rebelled against this great and powerful King. This rebellion attracted both His anger and His love. His anger separated the King from His subjects and demanded punishment. But His love took the initiative to resolve the problem.

This mighty God chose a nation, who through certain laws, means of worship and sacrifices were taught what this King planned and expected. It was from this nation that God brought a Son who would make things right. At just the right time this Son came as a human; born of a virgin. He came to save the human race from destruction. He did that by living a perfect human life and dying a death in their place. These things totally and completely

satisfied the justice of the King. This Son who is God in the flesh rose from the dead and returned to His Father – our God and King.

Jesus returned to Heaven. He secured for all who would believe in Him eternal life and the ultimate reality of a new heaven and a new earth, in the ages to come. It is a story that never ends. It's a story that every person can be part of, if they choose. To stop, turn an follow this Christ by trusting and obeying Him is to guarantee your existence with Him forever.

I invite you to join the story that never ends. On behalf of the pastors and members of Elk Point Baptist Church we wish you a very significant and life-changing Christmas.

Christmas: disappointment or joy?

BY PASTOR DON FORD
Elk Point Christian Community Church

We look forward to Christmas with joy. Food, family and fun, presents and parties, it all adds up to joy, doesn't it? A recent North American survey had 45 per cent of its respondents saying that they dreaded the Christmas season. We are told that the Christmas season should be the happiest time of the year, yet it is the season of the greatest depression for many people. For many, Christmas represents blown budgets, greater debt, hectic schedules and greater loneliness. For some, Christmas comes at the end of a tough year. Recently I read about a man whose wife of 20 years divorced him. His employer of 25 years fired him and he was diagnosed with cancer. It is hard to be joyful at the end of that kind of year.

For many, Christmas simply does not live up to their expectations. Rake the woman who told her husband that she wanted him to buy her a present that would make her look attractive and beautiful. She was expecting some lingerie. He bought her an exercise bike. Here are some tweets from past years. "No iPhone = total disappointment for Christmas." "I wanted a car. I got a computer. How's that for being born under a bad sign?" "I am still depressed over the fact that my mom ordered the a white iPhone instead of a black one for me."

Could the disappointments of Christmas be because we are missing what Christmas is really about? In December of 1903, the

Wright brothers succeeded in getting their 'flying machine' off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." He had totally missed the big news, man had flown!

It is so easy for us to do the same with Christmas, miss the big news, the news the angel gave to Joseph long ago. "She (Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, which means 'God be with us.'" (Matthew 1:21-23 New International Version). To the shepherds the angel said, "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born unto you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-12 New International Version).

Many of the things that go with the Christmas season are good. Family gatherings, sharing food, exchanging presents and so on all can bring us joy, but let us not forget the real Christmas. God became one of us. He came to save us from our sins. That is the real news of joy. It will never disappoint.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

BY DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

We appreciate all those who have made generous contributions to the library for 2012, it is greatly appreciated. Also special recognition to all our volunteers and Friends of the Library with their continued effort make a great library in our community possible. So hats off to those community minded individuals who generously donate their time.

Reminders: The library will be closed over Christmas from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, 2013, reopening on January 3, 2013.

Our January days for the after school craft program are: January 10 and 22, at 3:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Next Seniors Tea will be

January 9 at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for some yummy goodies and great conversation.

Also in partnership with the St. Paul Family Literacy, we will be hosting a Pre-school Rhymes Time starting January 24, at 1:00 p.m. Bring your children aged 0 – 5 yrs to enjoy songs, rhymes, finger plays and simple movement games and snack. To register or for more information call Jody at 780-645-5223 ext. 224 or Daphne at 780-724-3737. Hope to see you there!!

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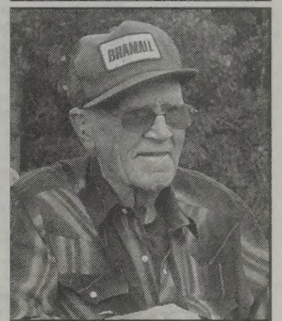
vocabulary books for adults who are learning English or struggle with reading. These are two great additions to our collection. Also arriving soon. adult French books.

On behalf of the Board & Staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Remember to enjoy your time sharing, feasting & giving thanks.

OBITUARY

O'KANE,
Edward William

Jan. 6, 1927 - Dec. 10, 2012



Edward William (Ed) O'Kane of Elk Point, Alberta passed away in St. Paul on December 10, 2012 at the age of 85 years, after a lengthy illness.

Ed is lovingly survived by his sister: Mary Demers of Kamloops, BC. He is also survived by many Flagel, Hubka and Demers' nieces and nephews. Ed was predeceased by his parents: Henry & Anna O'Kane; brothers: Joe and Jim; sisters: Catherine Flagel and Rosella Hubka.

Ed was born in Faribault, Minnesota on January 6, 1927. Except for three years of his life when he went to Minnesota to work for his Uncle Willie on his farm, Ed has lived all his life in Elk Point. Ed was a member of a homesteading family. The O'Kane family gathered at the homestead in August of this year for a wonderful family reunion. Ed and his sister, Mary were very happy to receive the Farm Century Award from the provincial government. This plaque was erected at their homestead. The family was extremely thankful that Ed's health allowed him to be present for such a great event.

Ed always loved horses. Over the years, many people spent time out at Ed's farm riding his horses. He also drove a lot of horses. People enjoyed his team in the Elk Point parade over the years.

Ed was a charter member of the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Association in Elk Point. He was a faithful member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church in Elk Point.

Prayer Service, Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point, AB with Reverend Father Andrew Schoenberger officiating.

Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, December 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point, AB with Reverend Father Andrew Schoenberger as celebrant. Interment followed at the Elk Point East Cemetery, Elk Point, AB. Pallbearers: Dan Gilbert, Ben Lowry, Trevor Quin, Gary Bridgen, Jay Penner, John Penner.

Memorial tributes in memory of Ed may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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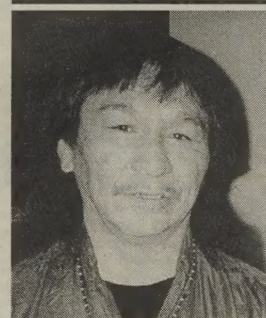
The family of the late Gary Brown wish to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. We would like to thank the RCMP, the ambulance workers and the firefighters Robert Smith and Lyle Frisby. We especially wish to thank Pastor Sibley and the Trail Riders Club for their kind words at the memorial service. Our deepest thanks.

The Brown Family



OBITUARY

DELVER, Dennis



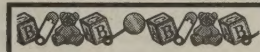
On December 6, 2012, Mr. Dennis Delver of Frog Lake passed away at the age of 60 years.

He is survived by his loving companion, Doreen Whiskeyjack; children, Dennis Jr. Dedul & Trudy Whiskeyjack; step-children, Christine, Valerie, Curtis, Bella & Charmaine; 7 grandchildren, Kiyana, Shatan, Xondra, Xavier, Kaiden, Johnny & Colton; 3 brothers, Clifford Delver, Richard Makokis & Harvey Makokis; 2 sisters, Agnes Delver (Peter Trotter) & Rose Marie (Michael) Jameson; step-brother, Gerry Gardner. He was predeceased by his parents, Solomon Delver & Katherine Desjarlais; grandchild, Freespirit Stanley; brothers, Harvey & Emery Delver; sisters, Mary & Patricia Delver.

A Wake was held on Wednesday & Thursday, December 12 & 13 at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. A Funeral Service was held on Friday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Frog Lake Band Hall, Frog Lake. Pastor Wilfred Cross officiated, with interment in Clearwater Lake Cemetery, Frog Lake. To send condolences online, visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel, 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A1, Ph. 780-645-2677.



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Bergheim said it is hard to compare since other companies charge additional fees on top of their rental fees, but felt the county was competitive.

Council approved the new Waste Bin Rental Policy with changes to the fee schedule.

Interim budget

Council has approved the 2013 interim budget.

The estimated operating revenue for 2013 is pegged at \$33.7 million,

while the operating expenditures are set at \$19.2 million. Capital expenditures are set at \$14.5 million.

The numbers are based on last year's numbers, minus some major projects that took place in 2012. The operating budget was left the same, said CAO Sheila Kitz.

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